GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4348
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WAIVER OF LOAN TO ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has urged the Union Government to waive off loan and other payments to be made by the States to the Centre as charges towards sending Central Reserved Police Force (CRPF) and Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) battalions to the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the amount of loan to be waived and the reasons therefore;

(c) the action taken by the Union Government thereon;

(d) whether such waivers were given in the past by the Union Government to States like Bihar and Punjab; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SMT NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. Request from erstwhile State of Andhra Pradesh was received for waiver of deployment charges of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) of Rs. 1003.61 cr, including Rs. 996.55 cr on account of deployment of Central Reserved Police Force (CRPF) and Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) in the State for the reason that the State is under bifurcation and the Government of Andhra Pradesh is not in a position to sanction the said amount.

(c) As per extant policy of the Government, all States except Special Category States are required to bear the full charges for deployment of CAPFs. The State Government has been informed accordingly in June, 2014.

(d) & (e) Government of India extended Special Term Loans (STL) of Rs. 5799.92 crore to the State of Punjab to fight militancy. Of these, the State of Punjab made payment of Rs. 771.24 crore along with an interest of Rs. 1923.40 crore till 31st March, 2000. Balance STL of Rs. 5028.69 crore along with interest amounting to Rs. 4884.42 crore aggregating to Rs. 9913.11 crore has been waived off by the Government of India between the years 1995-96 to 2007-08. Further, Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected States of Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Maharashtra and West Bengal were exempted from the payment of cost of deployment of CAPFs for anti-naxal operations for a period of three years with effect from 1.7.2004 to 30.06.2007.